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INTERNATIONAL

1) United Nations Food System Summit

UNFSS aims to launch bold new actions to transform the way the world produces and consumes food, as part of the decade of action to achieve sustainable development by 2030. Its objectives are Ensure access to safe and Nutritious food for all, advance equitable livelihoods etc.

NATIONAL

1) National Service scheme

The president of India presented NSS awards for the year 2019-2020. The NSS awards are instituted by the ministry of youth and Sports affairs in 1993-1994. NSS moto: Not me but you. It is a central sector scheme.

2) Meenakari Chess

Prime minister has gifted "Meenakari" chess set to US Vice President. It is the process of Painting and Colouring the surface of metals and ceramics through enamelling. It was introduced to india by the Mughals. Raja man Singh of Mewar is regarded as the patron of the Meenakari art in 16th Century.

3) "Interactive digital airspace map"

Ministry of Civil Aviation released an "interactive digital airspace map" for flying drones, that demarcates areas into different zones for flying drones across India Zones for flying drones also include yellow and red zones. Red zone is the area within which drones can be operated with the permission of central government. Yellow zone is the airspace above 400 feet in the designated green zone.

4) Airbus C-295 aircraft

Ministry of Defence has signed a \$2.5 billion contract for the acquisition of 56 Airbus C-295 aircraft. 56 Airbus C-295 aircraft will replace the Indian Air Force's legacy fleet of Avro HS-748 aircraft. As per the agreement, Airbus will deliver the first 16 aircraft in 'fly-away' condition. It will be delivered from Seville, Spain.

5) Italy has recognised Covishield vaccine

Italy has recognised Covishield vaccine against the Coronavirus. Covieshield vaccine against coronavirus was jointly developed by Oxford University & pharma giant AstraZeneca while it was manufactured by the Serum Institute of India.

6) ZSI and NHM signed MoU

Zoological Survey of India and the Natural History Museum, London, signed a Memorandum of Understanding to formulate strategies for long term scientific documentation and conservation of



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faunal diversity through international exchange. The MoU was signed by Dhriti Banerjee, Director of ZSI and Douglas Gurr, Director, NHM, London for 5 years.

7) Saubhagya Yojana has completed 4 years

Saubhagya – Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana, one of the largest household electrification drives in the world, has completed 4 years of successful implementation. It was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 25th September 2017. The Ministry of Power is the implementing authority of the scheme.

STATE NEWS

1) KVIC sets up Odisha's first silk yarn production centre

Khadi and Village Industries Commission has started a historic initiative to set up first ever Tussar Silk Yarn Production Centre at Choudwar in Cuttack district in Odisha. The silk yarn production centre was inaugurated by Chairman of KVIC, Vinai Kumar Saxena. Tussar silk is one of the finest varieties of Silk.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMY

1) RBI permits transfer of fraud loans to ARCs

The Reserve Bank of India allowed lenders to sell loans that are tagged as fraud to the asset reconstruction companies. This permission by RBI potentially paves the way for focussed recovery efforts on loans worth trillions of rupees. As per RBI's annual report, banks have reported frauds of about Rs 95 trillion in between Financial Year 2019 and Financial Year 2021.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

1) India and Bhutan sign a pact for the development of a joint small satellite

India and Bhutan sign a pact for the development of a joint small satellite. This is in the line of MoU signed between Bhutan and India on Collaboration in Peaceful Uses of Outer Space under the purview of the Ministry of Information and Communication in 2020. The Department of Information Technology and Telecom (Bhutan) and ISRO will develop joint satellites.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) Antyodaya Diwas

Antyodaya Diwas is observed every year on September 25, to mark the birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya. Antyodaya means “uplifting the poorest of the poor” or “rise of the last person”. The day was declared by the Modi Government on September 25, 2014, and officially celebrated since 2015.





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BOOKS AND AUTHORS

1) "Smart Villages: Bridging the Global Urban-Rural Divide"

Zoho Founder Dr Sridhar Vembu launched the new book titled "Smart Villages: Bridging the Global Urban-Rural Divide" published by Springer Nature Switzerland AG, which is a collection of case studies on uplifting villages. The launch event was organized by the Sona Valliappa group.

